

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. CR 08-0160 JCS (JL)

Plaintiff,

v.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE AND SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE ORDER

JOHN JOSEPH COTA,

Defendant.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this case has been referred for a Settlement Conference before Magistrate Judge James Larson. The Settlement Conference shall take place on **Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**, in Judge Larson's chambers, located at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 15th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102. **If the court-ordered date presents problems for parties or counsel, counsel is to contact Judge Larson's chambers directly at (415) 522-2112.**

Counsel who will try the case or other counsel responsible for the litigation shall appear at the Settlement Conference with the parties if possible. Any party who is not a natural person shall be represented by an individual not directly involved in the events which give rise to the litigation but with full authority to negotiate a settlement.

1 The parties shall deliver directly to the magistrate judge *two copies* of a
2 **Confidential Settlement Conference Statement** which should be lodged with
3 **chambers and should not be filed with the Clerk of the Court or served upon other**
4 **parties by close of business Monday, April 28, 2008.**

5 The Confidential Settlement Conference Statement shall be as brief as possible and
6 should rarely exceed 10 pages. It shall include the following:

- 7 1. A statement of the facts of the case.
- 8 2. A statement of the charges and defenses including.
- 9 3. A summary of the proceedings to date.
- 10 4. The party's position on settlement, including a history of past settlement
11 discussions as well as present demands and offers.

12 **Any request to continue the settlement conference shall be submitted in**
13 **writing after consultation with the opposing party. Submission by facsimile is**
14 **acceptable at facsimile number (415) 522-2140.**

15 The parties shall notify Magistrate Judge Larson's chambers immediately if this case
16 settles prior to the date set for settlement conference.

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18 DATED: April 24, 2008

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21 JAMES LARSON
22 United States Magistrate Judge
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